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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

Please permit the following changes.

**Specification Amendments:**

Applicant offers amendments to the Second Substitute Specification. The Examiner remarked that new matter had been introduced. The amendments are designed, without admission, to delete the material objected to, but in accordance with comments and instructions from the Examiner about the scope of new matter communicated at the very beginning of prosecution in 2000. (See the Remarks section for details). They also are intended to re-assert amendments which had been made and not objected to by the Examiner prior to the submission of the Second Substitute Specification, but which had been inadvertently omitted during its preparation. The current amendments also are intended to clarify transition points that are needed in light of the deletions. More detailed explanations of the amendments and their intent appears in the Remarks section.

The amendments to the Second Substitute Specification are shown per the Revised Amendment Practice under 37 CFR 1.121. Page number references are to the Second Substitute Specification Mark-Up version that the Examiner is believed to have used in the OA of August 27, 2003 to record the objections.

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